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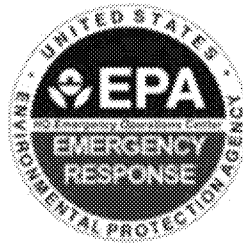
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EOC Spot Report: Region 6, Fort Bend County Oil Spill, Fort Bend, TX

US Environmental Protection Agency
Report as of June 10 2017 09:00 AM ET

Overview: A discharge of 130 Bbls of oil and 130 Bbls of produced water was reported to have occurred Sunday June 4, 2017 in Fort Bend, TX. Over 5 miles of Cow Creek was impacted. Cow Creek is a tributary of the Brazos River. The Responsible Party is reported as Spike Drilling. The discharge was not reported to the NRC. The spill occurred through a failed fitting on the bottom of one of the produced water tanks. The tank battery consists of 4 tanks, 2 produced water and 2 oil tanks and does not appear to have secondary containment. It appears the spill initially impacted the adjacent hay field and surface drainage features to the west of the tank battery. Rain fall on the evening of June 4th caused the spill to spread 1.5 miles through drainage ditches and an unnamed creek to Cow Creek a tributary to the Brazos River. Approximately 5.1 miles of Cow Creek have been impacted. The impact is from the culvert where the spill entered the creek to the confluence with Turkey Creek. The crews are currently washing the banks of Cow Creek and the drainage path above Cow Creek and collecting oil from the hay field. Friday June 9, 2017, night operations, consisting of 2 vacuum trucks with operators and 4 technicians remaining on site to pick oil that is accumulating in small pits in the hay field west of the tank battery.

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: A TX Department of Fish & Wildlife Game Warden notified EPA Region 6 of the discharge.

EPA Actions: An EPA Region 6 OSC and START have been deployed to the incident.

Media Interest: None

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed

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